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News Highlights, August 23-30

News & Observer

Benjamin Filene: Hurting Ourselves With Cultural Cuts

It's easy to think of the arts and culture as extraneous. Certainly many North Carolina state legislators do. But that is terribly shortsighted. Over the last several years, relentless funding reductions have already significantly damaged the museums, historic sites and agencies that preserve the state's heritage, sustain its cultural health, drive tourism and make this state a desirable place to live. Further reductions are under consideration. Read more [here](#).

Beach Carolina Magazine

History of a Slave Turned Spy and Freedom Fighter Revealed in New Book

Historian David Cecelski, who details the extraordinary life of an American original in his book, "The Fire of Freedom: Abraham Galloway and the Slaves' Civil War," will be at the State Capitol on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 3 p.m. for a book launch and a signing. The book, which will be for sale at the event, is published by the University of North Carolina Press. Read more [here](#).

Shelby Star

Uncovering Your Home's History

When Steve and Diane Proffitt purchased a 55-acre farm west of Kings Mountain, they thought about demolishing the dilapidated brick house on the property. But the home, an impressive bungalow when it was built in the 20s, begged to be restored. It was structurally sound; the main part of the house protected from water and wind by the front and back porches. Read more [here](#).

CBS Atlanta

NC Museum Displays 'Gone with the Wind' Film Items

The North Carolina Museum of History is getting ready to show off a private collection of memorabilia from the movie "Gone with the Wind." The items on display in the exhibit "Real to Reel: The Making of 'Gone with the Wind'" include the Academy Award that Vivien Leigh won for her portrayal of Scarlett O'Hara. Read more [here](#).

Wilmington Star News

Living Local - Artist Uses Spare Marine Parts to Create Unique Pieces

Charlie Perry knows all too well what Helen Keller meant when she said, "When one door closes, another opens." ... Perry owned The American Fish Company and a thriving boat repair business in Southport. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed playing golf and fishing. But all those doors closed when he had a stroke in late 2008. Read more [here](#).

WRAL

Munch Exhibition Coming to NC Art Museum

The North Carolina Museum of Art will host an exhibition of 26 works by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch this fall, officials said Wednesday. The exhibition, "Edvard Munch: Symbolism in Print," is drawn from The Museum of Modern Art's extensive collection and features a variety of media, including etchings, drypoints, woodcuts and lithographs. Munch is most widely known for "The Scream," which recently sold for almost \$120 million. Read more [here](#).

The Daily Advance

North Carolina and the War of 1812

This is the bicentennial of The War of 1812, and North Carolina has a story to tell. It has a story to tell, so Museum of the Albemarle is helping with the tale. The museum has erected an informational exhibit examining the war and the Tar Heel State's role in it. But according to local historian George Converse, you shouldn't get too excited about grand battles and confrontations with the British. Although there is history here, the Tar Heel state just wasn't entirely in the thick of it. Read more [here](#).

News and Record

Greensboro Arts Council to Get Grant of \$30,000

Greensboro and Winston-Salem are among five communities chosen to participate in a new state program designed to spur arts-driven economic development. The United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro and The Arts Council of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County each will receive \$30,000 grants under the SmART Initiative program. Linda Carlisle, secretary of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, announced the program Thursday at the Greensboro Cultural Center. The grants from the North Carolina Arts Council total \$135,000 and also will go to projects in Durham, Wilson and Burnsville. Read more [here](#).

Salisbury Post

Book Review: Before Freightliner, there was Corbitt Truck

To many in Rowan County, trucking means Freightliner. But our Cleveland mega-employer was a latecomer to overland transportation. It was born in 1942 in Portland, Ore. Corbitt Truck Co., the subject of a new book, originated in 1910 in Henderson, N.C.; it was our state's only home-grown truck assembly plant. ... "The Star of the South," by Dick Callaway, Walter R. Turner and Charles W. Wadelington, is a quick, informative and engaging read with only 72 pages of text, photos and sidebars. ... Copies are available at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer. Read more [here](#).

WNCT

New Exhibition Coming To Tryon Palace

Tryon Palace is pleased to announce that it will host a new photo exhibit beginning this Friday, August 31st. Workboats of Core Sound features a collection of photographs of wooden workboats built throughout North Carolina's Core Sound area. The photographs were culled by author Lawrence Earley. ... Three full sized skiffs will also be on loan from the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center to help guests really get a feel for the work that went into building the boats. Read more [here](#).

News & Observer

[Triangle Arts Leaders' Best bets](#)

Cultural leaders around the Triangle region recently talked about the best bets on the arts scene for the News & Observers annual Fall Arts Preview. Read more [here](#).

Winston-Salem Journal

[Scene & Heard: SECCA Entertains and Assists Educators](#)

The Open Dream Ensemble performed “Big Shoes” at SECCA’s Teacher Night on Thursday, offering an entertaining music-and-dance presentation with a kid-centric message. The story of Gordy, who finds that he doesn’t have to live in the shadow of his big brother, resonated with the educators, and many added it to the list of tools available for the upcoming school year. “I’ve been teaching art at Summit for 13 years,” Lisa Tudor said. “We’re trying to keep the City of the Arts alive and breathing, and part of that is encouraging children to think outside of the box in everything they do.” Read more [here](#).

Triangle Arts & Entertainment

[North Carolina Symphony Celebrates the Music of Ray Charles](#)

The North Carolina Symphony honors an American original with its season-opening Pops Series concert, “The Music of Ray Charles,” at downtown Raleigh’s Meymandi Concert Hall, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28-29, 8:00 p.m. Charles’s protégé, friend and fellow Georgia native Ellis Hall joins the orchestra and Symphony Resident Conductor William Henry Curry for an evening of R&B and soul classics. Read more [here](#).

UNC-TV

[North Carolina Weekend](#)

The Thomas Wolfe Memorial is featured in this episode of “North Carolina Weekend.” The author’s home is one of North Carolina’s 27 State Historic Sites. The segment begins at 5:15 into the program. See it [here](#).